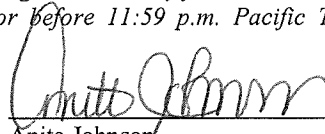


**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION**

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Applicant : Yaron Keidar, et al. Confirmation No. 4112  
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Title : TRANS-SEPTAL SHEATH WITH SPLITTING DILATING NEEDLE  
AND METHOD FOR ITS USE

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Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated July 14, 2009 for three month(s) from October 14, 2009 to January 14, 2010.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

FEE CALCULATION			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 65.00	\$ 130.00	\$
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 245.00	\$ 490.00	\$
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 555.00	\$1,110.00	\$1,110.00
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 865.00	\$1,730.00	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$1,175.00	\$2,350.00	\$

Please deduct \$1,110.00 from Deposit Account No. 03-1728 to cover the cost of the extension.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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